

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Claims 12-23 remain pending in the application. By this Amendment After Final Rejection, claims 1-11 are canceled without prejudice to place the application in condition for allowance.

In numbered paragraph 3 of the March 21 final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12-23 appear to comprise allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are canceled without prejudice to place the application in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record are respectfully requested so that the present application may pass to issuance. Should there be any questions in connection with this application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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